Rainfall in the country

1418. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Director General of Meteorological Department have stated that in the year 1992, the monsoon will be sluggish to begin with and there will not be favourable rainfall in the country in the initial stage of the year; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to meet the likely shortfall in food production due to the challenging monsoon failure in various parts of the country this year ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) On the basis of "first signals" emerging from a balance of critical assessment of the parameters, the India Meteorological Department has, on 7th April, 1992, indicated that India was probably heading towards a "normal" monsoon but again on the lower side of "normal" with the possibility of the coming monsoon being somewhat sluggish to begin with.

(b) The monsoon scenario, still being in an emerging mode, is being reviewed regularly and a firm forecast will be available towards the end of May, 1992. The States have been advised to prepare contingency plans for minimising fall in agricultural production.

Central University of Hyderabad

1419. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether any development plan in the Eighth Five Year Plan period has been drawn up for the Central University of Hyderabad ;

(b) if so, the details of the same ; and

(c) the details of additonal posts of Professors, Readers and Lecturers, being sanctioned or proposed to be sanctioned under the above plan, grade-wise and Department-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), the Commission has approved allocation of funds amounting to Rs. 988.00 lakhs for development schemes of the University of Hyderabad during the Eighth Plan period as detailed below :—

(i) Buildings	Rs. 424.00 lakhs
(ii) Teaching Staff	Rs. 58.00 Lakhs
(iii) Non-teaching staff	Rs. 13.00 lakhs
(iv) Books and journals	Rs. 100.00 lakhs
(v) Equipment	Rs. 100.00 lakhs
(vi) Campus development	Rs. 50.00 lakhs
(vii) Linkage Programme	Rs. 10.00 lakhs
(viii) Spill over of earlier Plan	Rs. 233.00 lakhs
TOTAL :	Rs. 988.00 lakhs